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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: HOUSING FOR NIGERIAN ARMY

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1. THIS BY WAY OF INTERIM REPORT. AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE SUCCESS IN LOCATING CONTRACTORS TO TRAVEL TO NIGERIA. ZACHRY AND TURNER ARE BOTH OVER-EXTENDED IN THE NEAR EAST. OMAN IS INTERESTED BUT CAN NOT GET TO LAGOS BEFORE BEGINNING FEB. ALSO WANTS TO WAIT UNTIL CRS RETURNS AND WILL TALK TO THEM ABOUT

THE DETAILS. WAITING FOR DECISION BY ROGERS, STILL ATTEMPTING CONTACT BATESON, NOT LOCATED IN HOUSTON.

2. MEPD HAS ALSO INITIATED CONTACTS WITH DANIEL CONSTRUCTION, PERINI CORPORATION, JOHN TISHMAN AND NELLO L. TEER. FIRST TWO ARE ALSO OVEREXTENDED IN THE NEAR EAST, TISHMAN NOT INTERESTED, NELLO TEER HOWEVER GAVE POSITIVE RESPONSE. BILLY CARTER OF NELLO TEER SAID COULD PROBABLY SCHEDULE HIS MAN IN DAR ES SALAAM TO

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LAGOS IN BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY IF HE HAD CONFIRMATION

SOON THAT THAT WEEK WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO BAJOWA. HAVE ALSO GIVEN CARTER THE NAMES OF CONSULTANTS WHO WENT TO NIGERIA SO HE CAN DO SOME HOMEWORK ON PROJECT WHEN THEY RETURN.

3. IN EVERY CONVERSATION MAJOR PROJECTS OFFICER HAS REQUESTED NAMES OF ADDITIONAL CONTRACTORS. SORRY TO REPORT WE HAVE JUST ABOUT RUN OUT OF TOP OF THE LINE FIRMS WHO ARE EXPERIENCED IN INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM HOUSING. HESITATE TO ADVERTISE THIS IN COMMERCE BUSINESS DAILY UNLESS EMBASSY REQUESTS.

4. AWAIT YOUR ADVICE ON SUITABILITY OF EARLY FEBRUARY.

5. ALSO WHAT EFFECT DO YOU EXPECT WILL BE CAUSED BY A LACK OF INTEREST ON THE PART OF U.S. CONTRACTORS? WILL THAT INJURE CHANCES OF U.S. CONSULTANTS? KISSINGER

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